

DEC 1951 -- --

25X1

25X1

CONFIDENTIAL

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

INFORMATION REPORT

COUNTRY China

SUBJECT Factional Strife within the Chinese Communist Party as Observed in Canton

REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

25X1

PLACE ACQUIRED [REDACTED]

DATE ACQUIRED [REDACTED]

DATE (OF INFO.) [REDACTED]

RESPONSIVE TO	
1	2
CO NO.	
DD/C NO.	
CRR NO.	
DAS NO.	
OCI NO.	

DATE DISTR. 23 September 53

NO. OF PAGES 2

NO. OF ENCLS.

SUPP. TO
REPORT NO.

THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS INFORMATION AFFECTING THE NATIONAL DEFENSE OF THE UNITED STATES, WITHIN THE MEANING OF TITLE 18, SECTIONS 793 AND 794, OF THE U.S. CODE, AS AMENDED. ITS TRANSMISSION OR REVELATION OF ITS CONTENTS TO OR ACCEPT BY AN UNAUTHORIZED PERSON IS PROHIBITED BY LAW. THE REPRODUCTION OF THIS REPORT IS PROHIBITED.

THIS IS UNEVALUATED INFORMATION

1. The rift and internal strife between the national and international factions within the Chinese Communist Party is a topic that has been a point of speculation on both inside and outside of mainland China. Despite efforts at brain washing and thought control, intellectuals in Communist China have been watching for signs of such a rift although up to the present [REDACTED] no conclusive evidence is available. The only thing of which non-Communists in China are certain is that the two factions do exist and that the relationship between them is not friendly.
2. It has been observed in Canton that:
 - a. Old Communist leaders of the National Faction like Lin Po-ch'ü and Tang Pi-wu have been "shelved" and are holding only nominal positions.
 - b. Military men are watched by political commissars, usually one Soviet and one Chinese commissar assigned to those of a higher level. General Lin Piao, whose 4th Field Corps was used in Korea and whose "national" views were well-known, has not been mentioned in the press or on the radio since the autumn of 1952. In August 1952, an unsuccessful attempt at assassinating him in Hankow was reported in the newspapers. It seems possible that he is no longer alive.
 - c. The pro-Soviet Minister of Communist Youth, Liao Ch'eng-chi has made at least four trips to Canton in 1953. Although he has not been appointed Chairman of the Provincial People's Government of Kwangtung as has been rumored, he will be. Each one of his visits had been followed by change of personnel in the Canton area.

SEE LAST PAGE FOR SUBJECT & AREA CODES

U.S. Officials Only

CONFIDENTIAL

DISSEMINATION	STATE-EX	ARMY -X	NAVY -X	AIR -X	FBI				
---------------	----------	---------	---------	--------	-----	--	--	--	--

This report is for the use within the USA of the intelligence components of the Departments or Agencies indicated above. It is not to be transmitted overseas without the concurrence of the originating office through the Assistant Director of the Office of Collection and Dissemination, CIA.

CONFIDENTIAL

25X1

- 2 -

1. Some notable changes in government personnel in Kwangtung have been the following:

a. In the Provincial Government:

- (1) Chairman Yeh Chien-ying (National Faction) has been detained in Peking since June 1952.
- (2) First Vice-Chairman Fang Fang (National Faction) has been inactive.
- (3) Commissioner of Commerce Chu Ching-chih (National Faction) [redacted] will be removed from office.

25X1

25X1

b. In the local governments:

- (1) Three of the five mayors of independent city governments have been replaced by Communists of the International Faction.
- (2) Forty-four of the 88 county heads have been similarly replaced by 10 Aug 53.
- (3) Liang Kuang (National Faction), Vice-Mayor of Canton, has made no public appearances since February 1953.

- end -

PART SUBJECT & AREA CODES

108 981L
114.65 981L
114.65 14C

CONFIDENTIAL

25X1